

[Sri C. Subramaniam] [3rd March 1959]

Legislature Committee has also recommended that five-year schooling should be made compulsory in every village and town of the State by 1965-66. When compulsion is introduced with a view to achieving this objective, more teachers will be required and trained teachers are not likely to remain unemployed.

SRI A. VEDARATHNAM : Sir, on a point of information.

MR. SPEAKER : On the Rule 40 statement, no point of information can be raised.

III.—PRIVILEGE MOTION *RE* A REPORT IN THE “DINA THANthi.”

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members will remember that I postponed giving a decision on the privilege question raised by the hon. Members, Srimathi Kolanthalai Ammal and Srimathi Lakshmi-kantham regarding the publication of a report of a speech alleged to have been made by Sri K. Anbazhagan and published in the ‘Dina Thanthi’, dated 15th February 1959. It was stated that it was a report of a speech delivered by Sri K. Anbazhagan and that it was a reply of the hon. Member, Sri K. Anbazhagan, to the speech of the Minister for Finance, who had stated that the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam were copying the Congress and were doing ‘Bommai Kalyanam.’ There is no mention in the ‘Dina Thanthi’ as to where and when the Minister has expressed the above view. Unless there is some reference that the speech was made in this House in reply to the speech made by Sri Anbazhagan, no privilege could be said to be involved. There can be only an inference that the reply of Sri K. Anbazhagan may have some reference to the speech made in the Assembly. The hon. Member, Sri Anbazhagan stated categorically on the 18th February 1959 that he did not make any such speech.

So far as I am concerned, I have to decide whether a *prima facie* case has been made out. I have to satisfy myself that the matter raised involves a matter of privilege, and that there is a reference to the matter which actually took place in this House. Though the inference is there, no mention has been made of this House in the report published in the ‘Dina Thanthi’. I feel, therefore, that no *prima facie* case has been made out and that the publication does not involve a breach of privilege of this House.

I may further add that in the interest of decorum and good manners, it will be very desirable for those persons who either make speeches or publish them to observe a very high level of moral standard. I am not here to dictate as to what should be the moral standard but I am appealing to everybody concerned on a moral plane that they should keep the debate at a very high level.

IV.—ANNOUNCEMENT *RE* DECISIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that the Business Advisory Committee has evolved, this year, a new system under which the Leader of one of the Opposition Parties will speak every day, instead of the leaders of all the Opposition Parties

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speaking on the last day. So, Sri Kalyanasundaram will speak tomorrow. Sri Chinnadurai and Sri Pakkirasami Pillai will each speak on one of the following two days. The Leader of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, Sri Annadurai, will speak on the last day when the Minister for Finance will reply to the debate. The Committee has also decided that Ministers other than the Minister for Finance could speak on two days. For instance, the Hon. Minister for Home and the Hon. Minister for Industries will speak one on each day about which I will inform the House later on.

The Committee has also decided that the Assembly should sit for two days, that is, on the 5th and 6th instant, in the afternoon also between 3 and 5.30 p.m. Copies of these recommendations will be supplied to hon. Members later on.

To-day the hon. Member representing the Indian National Democratic Congress, Sri K. Ramachandran, will initiate the debate on the Budget and I have allowed half an hour for him. After him, Sri Sattanatha Karayalar will speak. Then, I have to decide who should speak after them. I propose to call two Members from the Congress Benches and one Member from the Opposition Benches according to the proportion of their strength in this House. I have also decided to allow fifteen minutes for each hon. Member and I think I will not reduce it to ten or five minutes, as has been done on previous occasions. That will mean that only a lesser number hon. Members can participate in the debate but in view of the fact that the House sits in the afternoon also for two days, I hope that that difficulty can be overcome. Now, I call upon Sri Ramachandran to speak.

SRI S. NAGARAJA MONIGAR : Sir, is it not the convention that the hon. the Leader of the Opposition should speak last.

MR. SPEAKER : I have just now read out the decisions of the Business Advisory Committee. There is no rule that the hon. the Leader of the Opposition and Hon. Ministers should speak on the last day. Sri Ramachandran will now speak.

V.—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1959-60.

* SRI K. RAMACHANDRAN : மதிப்பிரகுரிய சபா நாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்த வரவு செலவு திட்டத்தின் மீது என்னுடைய வார்த்தைகளைச் சொல்லும் முன்பாக முதலில் இதற்குக் கொடுக்கக்கூடிய அவகாசம் மிகவும் குறைவு என்ற கருத்தைச் சொல்லிக்கொள்ள ஆசைப்படுகிறேன். என்னிறுல், இப்போது பொதுவாகக் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிற தல்தாவேஜூ களைப் பார்ப்பதுடன் இதற்கு முன்புள்ள வருஷத்திய பட்ஜெட் விவாதங்களையும் பார்த்து அதற்காக ஒரு நல்ல உபயோகமான முறையில் விவாதங்களை நடத்த விரும்புவோமானால் அதற்கு அதிகப்படியான அவகாசம் இருக்குமேயானால் ஓரளவுக்கு அது நன்றாக இருக்கும் என்று நினைப்ப தற்கு மாறாக மிகக் குறைவாக அவகாசம் உள்ள நிலைமையில் இந்த விவாதத்தைத் தொடங்க வேண்டியதாக இருக்கிறது. அப்படி இல்லாமல் ஒன்று அல்லது இரண்டு நாட்கள் அதற்கு அவகாசம் இருக்குமேயானால் அதை நல்ல விதமாக விளக்கக்கூடிய நிலைமை ஏற்படும். இனிமேலாவது அப்படிப்பட்ட முறையில் அவகாசம் கொடுக்கவேண்டும் என்று சொல்லிக் கொள்ள ஆசைப்படுகிறேன்.